

[Mr. Puliyoor T. P. Velayudhan Pillai.]

(a) whether the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Travancore has in the course of his speech delivered at the Senate meeting held on 13-1-1945 asked the University to take steps for bringing the hours of work of Professors on a par with those of the members of the other professions; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the steps taken so far in the matter?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: (a) The meeting was on 13-4-1945.

(b) It is understood that the matter is under consideration by the University authorities.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor the number of hours of teaching work for a Professor or a Lecturer in the College?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: The number of hours varies at present. According to the rules of the University of Madras when we were affiliated to that University the maximum number of lecturing hours is 14.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether there is any proposal just at present to increase the number of hours in the light of the remarks made by the Vice-Chancellor of the Travancore University?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: At its last meeting, the Syndicate resolved to appoint a Commission to examine the teaching work in the Colleges maintained by the University and also those admitted to the privileges of the University.

Handloom weavers.
462. *MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI (Karunagapalli cum Kartikapalli): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have made any attempt to take a census of handloom weavers in the State and if they have, what were the steps taken and what is the figure obtained; and

(b) whether the census on a taluk-war basis is available with Government and if so, whether they would lay on the table a statement showing the census on a taluk-war basis?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR (Secretary to Government): (a) and (b) Yes. Figures are being consolidated.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know how long is it since the survey was begun?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Two or three months ago.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know when the difficulty in yarn was begun to be felt in the State?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: During the months of March and April 1945.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : May I take it that there was no difficulty felt before March 1945?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : There was some difficulty. But we were not able to get yarn before the All-India Yarn Committee gave a quota from April 1945.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : Is the honourable member aware that the Control order regarding yarn was promulgated long before 1945?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : The All-India Control Order was made in April 1945.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*) : May I know when the figures will be consolidated and be made available?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : Within a fortnight.

MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnathnad cum Parur*) : May I know whether the figures were called for from each taluk?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : The figures were called for from the taluk committees.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know when they were called for?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : - Two or three months ago.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Is there not a notification calling for the registration of the looms?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : Yes, Sir. A notification for registering the looms was published.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know when the taluk committees were formed?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : I claim notice.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara cum Kunnathur*) : May I know the number of applications that have been received in response to the notification for registration?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : We have got only approximate figures. About 35 to 40 thousand looms have been registered hitherto.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : Weavers.

463. *MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they consider registered organisations on a trade union basis of weavers as representatives of weavers; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether such organisations have been entrusted with the distribution of yarn?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : (a) Not necessarily.

(b) The question does not arise.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI : May I know under what circumstances the Weavers Organisations are considered not representative of weavers?